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increases the membership from six to nine, which is an odd-numbered...odd-numbered number, I guess that is right, Senator Redfield, and still maintains a balance between the various entities who would have an interest and the expertise to provide input into reasonable suggestions to the...to the Department of Property Assessment and Taxation. With that, Mr. President, I would move the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: We're discussing AM3052 to LB 1124. Open for discussion. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Coordsen a couple questions, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Coordsen, would you yield?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I will respond, thank you.

SENATOR JONES: Yes, I see where you had two farmers, which would be great. I approve of that. Have you had any identification of where they should be located?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, my hope, and certainly these...these members are all to be appointed by the Governor, I would hope, and I think it's important to put that on the record, that the Governor does, in fact, have those appointees to represent geographically different districts in the state, both from the standpoint of area as well as the types of crop production.

SENATOR JONES: Well, thank you. I'm glad to hear that, because you go from the Missouri River to the Wyoming border and there's a lot of difference in the real estate. And it could have said farmer or rancher in there too, far as that goes, but farmer would be fine. It should cover the ranchers too, so...but the rangeland out there with farm ground here, so I was hopefully that that would happen. So I just wanted to have that on record. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING